**English 12 Quarter 2 - Independent Book Project**

**Total value: /80 points**

**Project description**: Throughout the next quarter you will be required to keep a reading journal, and complete one final project.

You will keep a weekly journal of your reading progress. At the conclusion of your book, you will complete one final assignment.

You have until Monday, October 24, to select and sign up for your book. Your book must be fiction and at least 200 pages. Choose your book carefully; do some research and be sure you have read several pages to ensure it is a book you want to read.

**The Journal:**

On the dates listed below, you will submit a journal entry based upon what you have read up to that point. All entries will be handed in on loose leaf paper. Each entry will include the following at the top of the entry: Your name, the name of the book, the date, and the pages covered in the log entry (minimum 35 pages read per entry).

Each journal entry must include the above information and be at least 3/4 of a page in length. You will submit journal entries on the following dates:

October 31, November 7, November 14, November 21, November 28, December 5.

For ideas on what to include in your entries, see below! Journals will be graded on the basis of length, thoroughness, and details. Each entry is marked out of 10.

Contents of the journal  
Comment on at least 3 of the following questions in each entry (there must be **three** **different** questions addressed for each entry):

Why did you select this book?

What's going on as the story begins?

Who is telling the story?

What is the setting of story? Is the setting important or could the story be happening anywhere? Why?

What is the initial or first problem faced by the main character?

How does the author get you to read on or hold your interest?

What new things are added to the original problem as the story progresses?

Are there examples of irony in the story? What are they?

What are some examples of foreshadowing in the story?

What plot twists or unexpected events happen as the story goes on?

Comment on the style of the book. Is it easy or hard to follow the events?

Is the language in the story difficult or easy?

To what age group is the book aimed?

Is there a message or main theme emerging in the book? How is it shown?

Describe any new characters that are introduced? What is their purpose?

What is the climax of the story?

How are the major and minor conflicts solved?

What were the major things that helped to resolve the plot?

What message did you get from the book? How was this message conveyed?

Is the story believable?

Why would you (or why wouldn't you) recommend this book to a friend?

Why did (or didn't) the book meet your expectations?

**For your final assignment, choose one of the following:**

**Final Assignment: Due December 12th. Value -- 20 points**1. Do a collage of a major theme of your book or one that illustrates certain parts of your book. Include a one page explanation of the collage and how each part relates specifically to the story.  
2. Write a review of the book that you read and compare it to the movie based on the story. What were the similarities? Differences? Which was better and why? (2 pages)  
3. Pretend you are a character in the book and describe the other characters in the story and what you think of each of them. Explain why. Be sure to support your ideas with evidence from the book. (2 pages)  
4. Create a 45 minute lesson plan for your book, focusing on one part of the story. Your lesson should include a quiz or test, a class activity, and handouts.  
5. Create a piece of art about the book (sculpture, drawing, painting) and include a one page detailed explanation of how it relates to the story.  
9. Write a long poem or rap (20 lines or more) about the book and include a 1 page explanation of how it relates, specifically, to your story.  
10. Create your own original and creative assignment based on the book with the teacher’s approval.